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SUBJECT: ECE AD HOC MEETING OF EXPERTS ON COOPERATION
IN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES - GENEVA 29(PM) - 30 APRIL 1975

1. SUMMARY. ECE AD HOC MEETING OF EXPERTS ON COOPERATION IN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY HELD IN GENEVA APRIL 29 - 30. ATTENDING WERE BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FINLAND, FRG, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, TURKEY, USSR AND US. UNESCO OBSERVED. ITALY TOOK CHAIR WITH BULGARIA AS VICE-CHAIRMAN. GROUP AGREED THAT ECE SECRETARIAT SHOULD CONTINUE CONTACTS IN THIS AREA WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND IN PARTICULAR WITH IIASA TO ASSIST A POSSIBLE STUDY FOR DEVELOPING ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK TO HELP GOVERNMENTS DESIGN ENERGY R & D STRATEGIES AND TO SELECT AREAS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. AD HOC GROUP RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE OF BULGARIAN INVITATION TO HOLD SEMINAR ON UTILIZATION OF LOW-CALORIE FUELS IN VARNA ON 21-23 APRIL 1976. END SUMMARY.

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2. PHILOSOPHY TOWARDS PREPARATION OF AN ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK AND GUIDELINES AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE RESEARCH, WAS VERY MUCH AFFECTED BY RESULTS OF EARLIER MEETING OF RAPORTEURS ON ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE RESEARCH WHICH HAD BEEN HELD JUST PREVIOUS TO ENERGY MEETING (SEE SEP TEL). AS A RESULT EMPHASIS WAS FIXED MAINLY ON DEVELOPING A PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF EXISTING PROGRAMS ELSEWHERE AND ON CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED SYSTEMS ANALYSIS (IIASA), WHICH HAD ALREADY PERFORMED A NUMBER OF SIMILAR ANALYTICAL STUDIES.

3. SECRETARIAT INSERTED NEW ITEM 3(C) IN PREVIOUS AGENDA (SC.TECH./AC.4/1) ENTITLED "COMMON PROBLEMS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD" IN A BID TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR AN ECE ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT STUDY. SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT THE PRODUCTION OF NITROUS OXIDES BY VERY HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT STUDY TO UNDERTAKE. OTHERS MENTIONED ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF GEOTHERMAL POWER. US REP SUGGESTED THAT IF ECE WERE TO UNDERTAKE ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT STUDY IT WOULD BE WELL TO LOOK AT THESE SUGGESTED FIELDS AND OTHERS WHICH MAY BE RELATIVELY NEGLECTED BY OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES. THIS WOULD ASSURE A MEASURE OF UNIQUENESS TO AN ECE CONTRIBUTION AT THE OUTSET.

4. PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS DRAWN TO THE INVITATION OF THE FRG TO MEMBER STATES OF ECE TO SEND TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES TO A SYMPOSIUM AND FIELD TRIP ON COAL GASIFICATION AND LIQUIFICATION TO BE HELD IN DUESSELDORF DURING 12 - 16 JANUARY 1976.

5. BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVE FORMALLY PRESENTED INVITATION TO SEMINAR ON THE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE UTILIZATION OF LOW-CALORIE FUELS TO BE HELD IN VARNA ON 21-23 APRIL 1976 AND PRESENTED A PROVISIONAL AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES:

- A) METHODS OF DETERMINING AND CONTROLLING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF LOW-CALORIE FUELS;
 - B) METHODS OF UTILIZING LOW-CALORIE FUELS AND ASSESSING
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THEIR EFFICIENCY FROM A TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW;

- C) SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE PREPARATION OF LOW-CALORIE FUELS FOR BURNING TECHNOLOGIES AND EQUIPMENT;
- D) REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMBUSTION PROCESS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING METHODS OF CALCULATING THE PROCESSES AND THE WORK OF THE HEATING SURFACES;
- E) ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTION,

OPERATION OF LARGE-SCALE THERMO-ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS
USING LOW CALORIE COAL.

5. ITALIAN REP (FROM MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY) ASKED THAT
LOW-CALORIE SOURCES AS WELL AS FUELS BE INCLUDED IN
AGENDA OF VARNA SEMINAR. THIS WOULD HAVE WIDENED

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SEMINAR TO INCLUDE GEOTHERMAL, SOLAR AND OTHER SOURCES.
US REP FELT THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON
FUELS AND THAT WIDENING THE DEFINITION OF SOURCES WOULD
DILUTE SUBSTANCE OF SEMINAR. THIS VIEW WAS SUPPORTED
BY USSR AND BY BULGARIA. CONSEQUENTLY ITALIAN CHAIR-
MAN (FROM MINISTRY FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH) SUGGESTED
THAT OTHER LOW-CALORIE SOURCES BE DISCUSSED AT AD HOC
MEETING OF EXPERTS TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE
MAIN VARNA SEMINAR. US PASSED ECE SECRETARIAT THE US
BUREAU OF MINES BIBLIOGRAPHY ON LOW-CALORIE FUELS AND
EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SIMILAR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM

OTHERS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

6. MAJOR INTERVENTIONS DESCRIBING NATIONAL PROGRAMS WERE MADE BY FINLAND AND USSR. LATTER PRESENTATION WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTING, ECE SECRETARIAT HAS A COPY, WHICH WAS REQUESTED FOR MISSION. PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT MAY BE THE HIGH LEVEL OF SOVIET REPRESENTATION WHICH INCLUDED GAPEEV OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TECHNOLOGY AND LEVITOV, DIRECTOR OF THE KRZHIZHANOVSKY POWER ENGINEERING INSTITUTE.

7. UNESCO REP ALSO GAVE PREPARED TALK DESCRIBING UNESCO ENERGY PROGRAMS AND HIGHLIGHTING PROPOSED UNESCO ENERGY EXPERTS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD DECEMBER 1975. TENTATIVE SITES ARE AUSTRIA, BULGARIA OR ROUMANIA. TURNER

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